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**"AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING IN
HOMELAND SECURITY DRILLS OR RESPONDING TO FIRE OR
AMBULANCE CALLS."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Any employee of an
3 employer with fifty or more employees who is an active volunteer
4 firefighter or member of a volunteer ambulance service or company or
5 who is an active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team,
6 as defined in section 5-249 of the general statutes (1) may, with
7 employer authorization, be permitted to leave work in order to
8 respond to fire, ambulance or search or rescue calls during such
9 employee's regular hours of employment without loss of pay, vacation
10 time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation, or (2) shall be
11 permitted to respond to such calls prior to reporting for work without
12 such prior employer authorization and without loss of pay, vacation
13 time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation, provided in any
14 such case, if requested by the employer, such employee submits a
15 written statement from (A) the chief of the volunteer fire department,

16 (B) the medical director or chief administrator of the volunteer
17 ambulance service or company, (C) the officer or other authorized
18 individual of the volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance
19 service or company who was in charge of the scene at such fire or
20 ambulance call, or (D) the chief of the police or fire department who
21 requested canine search and rescue services, verifying that such
22 employee responded to a fire, ambulance or search or rescue call and
23 specifying the date, time and duration of such response. For purposes
24 of this section, "employer" means a person engaged in business who
25 has employees, excluding the state and its political subdivisions, and
26 "employee" means any person engaged in service to an employer in a
27 business of the employer."